

WHEREAS, There are over 17,000 exceptional children in South Dakota with varying handicapping conditions; and,

WHEREAS, Only thirty per cent of these children are receiving appropriate educational services that will develop their abilities to the fullest; and,

WHEREAS, The importance of equal education for all exceptional children has become the goal of both state and local educational agencies; and,

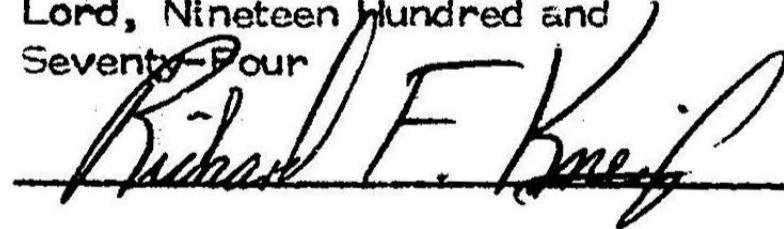
WHEREAS, All children, regardless of their handicap, deserve an environment that is conducive to their fullest development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12 - May 19, 1974, as

EXCEPTIONAL CHILD WEEK

In South Dakota, and urge all citizens to help the exceptional child receive an education that will develop him or her to the utmost of his or her ability, and make the exceptional child a functioning, valued member of society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 6th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE